



# Rapide Classic 2

## User Guide

W87-RC-C



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# Machine Overview

- 1 Handle
- 2 Clean water tank latch
- 3 Clean water tank
- 4 Dirty water tank latch
- 5 Dirty water tank handle
- 6 Multi-row brush bar (hidden)
- 7 Dirty water tank
- 8 Dirty water tank lid
- 9 On/off switch
- 10 Handle screw
- 11 Power cord
- 12 Carrying handle
- 13 Cord clip
- 14 Handle pedal
- 15 Cord hook
- 16 Solution release trigger (hidden)
- 17 Vax carpet cleaning solution



**NOTE:** Some parts may vary according to model. Please check inside flap of box for more details.

# General Safety Information

**This carpet washer is intended for household use only and NOT for commercial or industrial use.**

Please keep instructions for further use.

When using the carpet washer, basic safety precautions should always be observed, including the following:

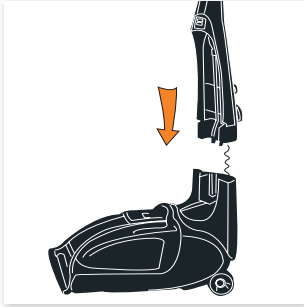
1. Do not leave the carpet washer unattended when plugged in. Unplug the appliance from the socket when not in use.
2. Only use the carpet washer indoors.
3. Turn off all controls on the carpet washer before disconnecting or connecting from the mains supply.
4. Always unplug the carpet washer before connecting or disconnecting the hose and accessories.
5. Always unplug the carpet washer before carrying out any maintenance.
6. Children should be supervised to ensure that they do not play with the appliance.
7. This appliance is not intended for use by children under eight years of age and persons with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they have been given supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance in a safe way and understands the hazards involved.
8. Cleaning and maintenance shall not be made by children without supervision.
9. The appliance should only be used as described in the quick start guide or in the full online user guide.
10. Only Vax recommended solutions and attachments should be used with this appliance.
11. Do not use this carpet washer if it has been dropped, damaged, left outdoors or dropped into water. Do not use this carpet washer with a damaged cord or plug. If the supply cord is damaged return the carpet washer to a Vax Authorised Service Agent or contact our customer care centre.
12. Do not pull or carry this appliance by the cord. Do not use the cord as a handle, close a door on the cord or pull the cord around sharp edges or corners. Do not run the carpet washer over the cord. Keep the cord away from heated surfaces.
13. Do not handle the plug or the carpet washer with wet hands.
14. Keep hair, loose clothing, fingers and all parts of the body away from openings and moving parts.
15. Do not pick up with the machine any hot coals, cigarette butts, matches or any hot, smoking or burning objects.
16. Do not pick up with the machine any flammable or combustible materials (lighter fluid, petrol, kerosene etc.) or use the machine in the presence of explosive liquids or vapours.
17. Do not use the machine on areas where there may be harmful or toxic material (chlorine, bleach, ammonia, drain cleaner etc.)
18. Store the carpet washer in a cool, dry area.
19. Do not use an extension cord with this machine.
20. Do not carry the appliance while it is switched on.
21. To prevent dirty water from running into the motor, do not hold the appliance upside-down or lay it on its side. Use the appliance in a normal cleaning position.
22. Do not use without all water tanks and solution tanks in place.
23. Do not use the carpet washer unless the carpets have been dry vacuumed thoroughly first.
24. Keep the unit on the floor.
25. Do not put any objects into openings. Do not use with any openings blocked and do not restrict airflow. Keep all openings free of dust, lint, hair or anything that might reduce airflow.
26. Do not attempt to remove blockages with sharp objects as they may cause damage.
27. Using improper voltage may result in damage to the motor and possible injury to the user. The correct voltage is listed on the rating label.
28. Do not use without all of the filters in place.
29. Take extra care when cleaning on the stairs.
30. Keep the area you are cleaning well lit.
31. Do not unplug the machine by pulling on the cord.

# Getting Started

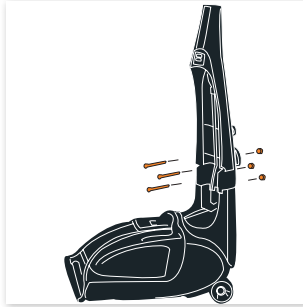
PLEASE READ SAFETY INFORMATION BEFORE USE (p3)

## Assembling your carpet washer handle

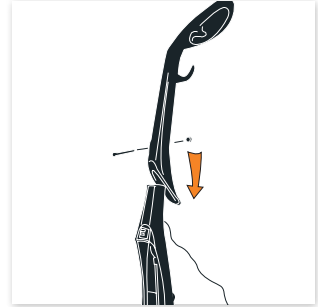
**CAUTION:** The carpet washer is a very powerful unit. Before plugging the cord into the electric outlet, make sure all controls on the unit are turned off. Hold the carpet washer firmly when starting and in use.



Assemble the mid section onto the base.



Insert two nuts into the recesses located on the left and right sides of the base. Hold the nuts in place and insert the two medium length screws through the front of the mid section and tighten.



Slide the handle onto the unit. Insert the nut into the recess in the back of the handle. Hold the nut in place and insert the long screw through the front of the handle and tighten.

# How To Use

## Before you begin cleaning

Do not saturate your carpet.

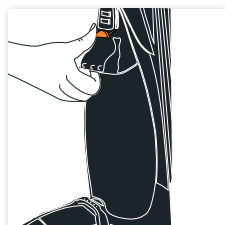
- Test for colourfastness – Wet a white absorbent cloth with the solution. In a small, hidden area of your carpet, gently rub the surface with the dampened cloth. Wait ten minutes and check for colour removal or bleed with white paper towel or cloth. If your carpet has more than one colour, check all colours.
- When cleaning an entire room, move furniture out of the area to be cleaned. If the furniture is too heavy to move, place aluminium foil or wax paper under legs. This will prevent wood finishes from staining your carpet. Pin up furniture skirts and curtains.

**IMPORTANT:** Carpets should be dry vacuumed thoroughly before washing.

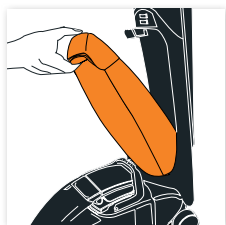
**IMPORTANT:** Only use Vax carpet cleaning solution. Using other solutions may cause excess foaming. Excessive foam will prevent the machine from working effectively. Using other solutions will invalidate the guarantee.

## Operating your carpet washer

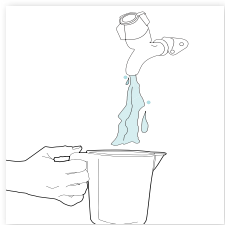
Your dirty water tank is fitted with a float. When the dirty water tank is full or the floor head is not in contact with the carpet the float will shut off the suction at the floor nozzle. You will be able to hear if this has happened as the motor noise on the unit will increase. Once the float is activated, empty the dirty water tank if full. If the dirty water tank is not full then turn off your machine at the power switch and wait for the float to settle before re-starting.



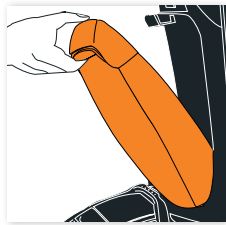
Remove clean water tank.



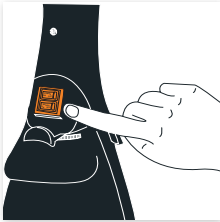
Pour required dose of solution  
(approx. 40ml per 1.0L of water.)



Mix the solution with warm  
water (max 40° C) and fill  
tank with solution.



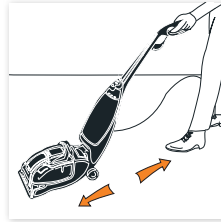
Place the bottom of the  
solution reservoir into the  
cleaner and push into place.



Turn the power and brush bar switches on.



Press on the handle release pedal and pull the cleaner back into a reclined position.

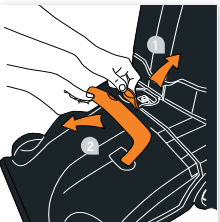


For best results apply solution on the forward stroke and release the trigger to recover solution on the backward stroke.

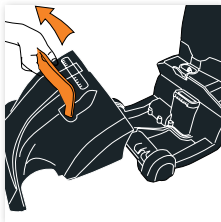
## Emptying the dirty water tank

**WARNING:** Always switch off and unplug the carpet washer from the electrical outlet before assembling, filling and emptying the clean water tank, emptying the dirty water tank, or before connecting/disconnecting the attachments.

**NOTE:** Rinse out tank with clean water and leave to air dry before storing your machine.



Grasp the top of the dirty water tank handle and press the release latch.



Grasp the handle and pull up out of the base, take care to ensure that no dirty water leaks from the front.



Remove dirty water tank lid.



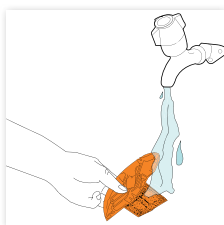
Empty the water tank by grasping the handle with one hand and nozzle with the other and empty into the sink.

# Looking After Your Machine

## Cleaning the filter

**IMPORTANT:** Cleaning filters maintains cleaning performance. For best cleaning results filters require cleaning at least every three months. If your filters are washable make sure that they are completely dry before inserting them back into the cleaner.

**IMPORTANT:** The motor is equipped with a thermal cut-out. If for any reason the unit should overheat, the thermostat will automatically turn the unit off. Should this occur, unplug the carpet washer from the electrical outlet and turn off the switch. Check the hose for blockages. Clean the filters. Allow the unit to cool for approximately one hour (if you have cleaned the filters you will need to wait twenty four hours for the filters to dry before putting them back in the machine.) To re-start the machine, plug it into an electrical outlet and switch it back on.

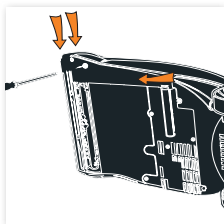


Rinse the filter with warm water. Allow it to dry fully before replacing it in your cleaner.

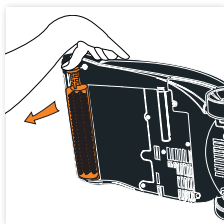
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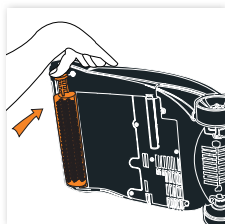
**WARNING:** Do not open the motor cover.



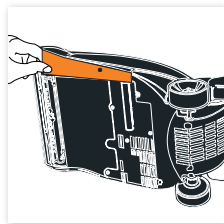
To remove the belt cover, use a phillips screwdriver to remove the two screws.



Lift out the floating brush bar.



Replace floating brushbar.



Repalce the brush access cover by inserting the end furthest from the brush first. Then replace the front end before securing in place with the two screws.



**Is there an accessory missing?**

- Check the 'This pack contains' panel on the box to make sure the part is definitely included in your unit.

**Why won't the carpet washer turn on?**

- It may not be plugged into the electrical socket correctly: ensure that the plug is pushed in securely and switched on.
- The power button on the unit hasn't been fully depressed.
- If unit cuts out during use, disconnect the unit from the electrical socket, allow to cool for one hour, clean the filter and empty the dirty water tank and check hose, brushbar if applicable for blockages.

**Why won't the cleaner pick up solution/spills?**

- The float in the dirty water tank may have been activated. Empty the dirty water tank if full. If the dirty water tank is not full then switch the machine off and wait for the float to settle before re-starting your machine.
- The dirty water tank may be full and the auto shut off engaged. Empty the dirty water tank.
- Ensure the dirty water tank is fitted correctly and the tank cap is securely fitted.
- Check the brushbar for blockages.

**Why won't the solution/clean water dispense?**

- Ensure the clean water tank is fitted securely.
- The solution/clean water tank may be empty.
- Ensure dirty water tank is fitted securely.

# Other Information

## UK Service & Help

Any queries or concerns about using your Vax, simply visit; **vax.co.uk/support** – **vaxireland.ie** or call the Vax Careline. Calls are charged at the UK local rate. Please make a note of the serial number and model number of the vacuum cleaner before calling.

Vax Careline:  
(UK) 0844 412 8455  
(ROI) 1-800 928 308

Monday-Friday 8.30am to 6.30pm  
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## Consumables

To purchase spares and accessories, please visit [vax.co.uk](http://vax.co.uk)

The use of genuine vax spare parts helps to maintain optimised performance and validates your guarantee

Filter kit (Type 7): 1-1-125411-00

## Technical Specification

Voltage: 220-240V ~50Hz  
Wattage: 600W  
Capacity: Clean water tank 3.5L  
Dirty water tank 2.0L  
Cord length: 7.5m  
Weight: 5.8kg  
Filter: Float chamber filter



Subject to technical change without notice.



## EEC Statement of Compliance

Manufacturer/EEC importer: Vax Limited, hereby on our own responsibility, declare that the Rapide Classic series is manufactured in compliance with the following Directives:

**Safety:** 2006/95/EC Low Voltage Directive

**EMC:** 2004/108/EC Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive



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